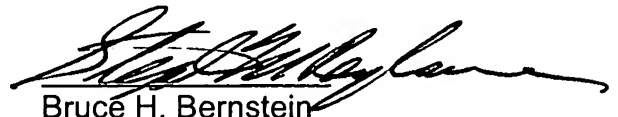


**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. In this regard, the present amendment is directed to replacing the originally filed Sequence Listing with the Substitute Sequence Listing filed herewith. Original SEQ ID NO: 1 listed both nucleotide and amino acid sequences. Applicants note that the amino acid sequence included in the original SEQ ID NO: 1 was also listed in original SEQ ID NO: 2. SEQ ID NO: 1 has been amended to disclose only a nucleotide sequence. No new matter is added.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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